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REQUEST TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

Sir:

Applicants in the above-identified patent application respectfully request withdrawal of the holding of abandonment of the application pursuant to the Notice of Abandonment dated December 30, 2003.

Applicants verily believe that a proper reply to the Office Action of June 13, 2003 was mailed in accordance with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.8(a) on December 15, 2003. Applicants have received a postcard receipt showing that the Office received the response to the Office Action of June 13, 2003 on December 18, 2003, as indicated by the date stamp on the copy of the postcard receipt enclosed herewith.

Still further, Applicants submit herewith a complete copy of the Response which was mailed pursuant to the requirements of 37 CFR 1.8(a) on December 15, 2003, including a Request for a Three Month Extension of Time with authorization to charge a Deposit Account, an Amendment Transmittal Letter including authorization to charge the extra claims fee and a Terminal Disclaimer fee to a Deposit Account, a Terminal Disclaimer and

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Request to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment Dated January 8, 2004

an Amendment A in response to the Office Action of June 13, 2003.

Withdrawal of the holding of abandonment of the above-identified application and an early Notice of Allowance of Claims 1 through 45 is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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and Exit Pathways

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Amendment Transmittal

Amendment A

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REQUEST FOR THREE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant respectfully requests a three month extension of time to respond to the Office Action dated June 13, 2003. An amendment is filed concurrently herewith.

Please charge the extension fee (\$475.00), any other fees due and credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 07-0153. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment and a Terminal Disclaimer for filing in the above-identified patent application.

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In re Application of: Jerry W. Stewart et al.

Application No.: 10/081,412

Filed: Feb. 22, 2002

For: Multi-Story Multiple Dwelling Complex With Semi-Private Garage to Apartment Entry and Exit Pathways

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AMENDMENT A

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 13, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 13 of this paper.

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**Amendments To The Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in this application.

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (original) A multi-story, multiple dwelling unit building complex comprising:

at least one vehicle storage level comprising a plurality of at least one of vehicle parking spaces and private vehicle garages;

at least one elevator arranged to provide pedestrian access between said elevator and said storage level;

plural dwelling unit levels vertically spaced from each other and from said storage level and including at least one dwelling unit thereon, respectively, said elevator extending to at least selected ones of said dwelling unit levels; and

each of said dwelling units having direct access to an elevator for providing a pathway between each of said dwelling units and said storage level whereby occupants of each of said dwelling units may have access to one of a vehicle parking space and a private garage associated with respective ones of said dwelling units by way of a pathway from each dwelling unit to each of said one of parking spaces and garages via said elevator.

2. (original) The building complex set forth in Claim 1 including:

one of a stairway and an elevator extending between said storage level and said dwelling unit levels to provide an alternate pathway between each of said dwelling units and at least one of said storage level and a ground level for said building complex.



3. (original) The building complex set forth in Claim 2 including:

a service corridor on at least selected ones of said dwelling unit levels and at least one of a doorway and stairway between each dwelling unit on said selected ones of said dwelling unit levels for access between said dwelling units and said service corridor, respectively.

4. (original) The building complex set forth in Claim 3 wherein:

at least selected ones of said dwelling units include a service room accessible through said doorway between said dwelling units and said service corridor, said service room being provided with a second doorway which is lockable so that items to be delivered and picked up may be placed in said service room and accessed from said service corridor without allowing access from said service corridor to said dwelling unit.

5. (original) The building complex set forth in Claim 2 including:

a service elevator extending between at least selected ones of said dwelling unit levels to provide access to said service corridors on said selected dwelling unit levels.

6. (original) The building complex set forth in Claim 2 including:

at least two stairways extending between said dwelling unit levels and a street level of said building complex, said stairways being spaced apart from each other.

7. (original) The building complex set forth in Claim 1 wherein:

said storage level includes driveway means thereon and vehicle parking spaces accessible from said driveway means, and said storage level includes garages disposed interior of said driveway means from said parking spaces.

8. (original) The building complex set forth in Claim 7 wherein:

multiple garages are disposed back-to-back on said storage level.

9. (original) The building complex set forth in Claim 1 wherein:

said elevator opens to two dwelling units on at least one dwelling unit level of said building complex.

10. (original) The building complex set forth in Claim 1 including:

at least one elevator disposed so as to open into a corridor at said storage level.

11. (original) The building complex set forth in Claim 1 including:

at least one elevator foyer at said storage level and means forming a pedestrian doorway between said foyer and said storage level to provide pedestrian access between said elevator and said storage level.

12. (original) The building complex set forth in Claim 1 wherein:

said garages include a floor formed by one level, a ceiling formed by another level and spaced apart sidewalls, said floor, ceiling and sidewalls being formed as a concrete structure utilizing tunnel form construction.

13. (original) The building complex set forth in Claim 1 wherein:

at least one level of dwelling units includes multi-story dwelling units including a first story and a second story and a stairway interconnecting said stories.

14. (original) The building complex set forth in Claim 1 wherein:

said building complex comprises at least one module characterized by a first level of multiple dwelling units extending from one sidewall of said building complex to an opposite sidewall of said building complex;

a second level of said module including multiple dwelling units occupying at least part of said second level and living spaces for said dwelling units of said first level occupying at least a portion of said second level; and

a third level of said module including multiple dwelling units thereon.

15. (original) The building complex set forth in Claim 14 including:

a central corridor on said second level of said module and doorways opening into said corridor from each of said dwelling units on said first level, said second level and said third level.

16. (original) The building complex set forth in Claim 15 wherein:

said building complex includes plural elevators extending between said storage level and said dwelling unit levels, respectively, at least selected ones of said elevators opening to only selected ones of said dwelling units on selected ones of said dwelling unit levels.

17. (original) A multi-story, multiple dwelling unit building complex comprising:

at least one multi-story module comprising a first level including multiple dwelling units thereon and extending between one sidewall of said module and an opposite sidewall of said module;

a second level of said module including plural dwelling units thereon and occupying at least a portion of said second level;

a third level of said module including multiple dwelling units disposed thereon;

a corridor formed on said second level and respective pathways between said corridor and said first level, said second level and said third level to provide for access between said corridor and each of said dwelling units on each of said levels.

18. (original) The building complex set forth in Claim 17 wherein:

said second level includes at least one dwelling unit separate from dwelling units on said first level and said third level.

19. (original) The building complex set forth in Claim 17 including:

at least one stairway between said corridor and a ground level of said building complex.

20. (original) A multi-story, multiple dwelling unit building complex comprising:

at least one vehicle parking level including plural private garages formed thereon and disposed back to back, each of said garages having a doorway between said garage and an elevator entrance at said one vehicle parking level;

multiple dwelling unit levels, each of said dwelling unit levels including at least one residential dwelling unit thereon; and

elevator means extending between said one vehicle parking level and opening directly into said at least one dwelling unit at selected ones of said dwelling unit levels whereby persons occupying dwelling units on any one of said selected dwelling unit levels are provided a pathway directly from a selected garage to that person's dwelling unit by way of said elevator means.

21. (original) The building complex set forth in Claim 20 wherein:

said multiple dwelling unit levels are disposed vertically spaced from each other and vertically spaced above multiple vehicle parking levels.

22. (original) The building complex set forth in Claim 21 wherein:

said elevator means extends between each of said dwelling units and each of said vehicle parking levels to provide pedestrian access to each of said dwelling unit levels and each of said vehicle parking levels.

23. (original) The building complex set forth in Claim 20 including:

a service corridor on at least a selected one of said dwelling unit levels and one of a doorway and stairway between each dwelling unit on said selected one of said dwelling unit levels and said corridor for pedestrian access between said dwelling units and said service corridor, respectively.

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24. (original) The building complex set forth in Claim 23 wherein:

at least selected ones of said dwelling units each include a service room accessible through said doorway between said dwelling units and said service corridor, respectively, said service room being provided with a second doorway which is lockable so that items to be delivered and picked up may be placed in said service room and accessed from said service corridor without allowing access from said service corridor to said dwelling unit.

25. (original) The building complex set forth in Claim 23 including:

a service elevator extending between at least selected ones of said dwelling unit levels to provide access to said service corridor on said selected dwelling unit levels, respectively.

26. (original) The building complex set forth in Claim 23 including:

at least one stairway extending between said dwelling unit levels and a street level of said building complex.

27. (original) The building complex set forth in Claim 20 including:

a pedestrian corridor interposed said back-to-back disposed garages.

28. (original) The building complex set forth in Claim 20 wherein:

said garages include a floor formed by one level, a ceiling formed by another level and spaced apart sidewalls, said floor, ceiling and sidewalls being formed as a concrete structure utilizing tunnel form construction.

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29. (original) The building complex set forth in Claim 20 including:

at least two elevators disposed so as to open to said vehicle parking level.

30. (original) The building complex set forth in Claim 20 wherein:

said elevator means opens to two dwelling units on at least one dwelling unit level of said building complex.

31. (original) The building complex set forth in Claim 20 wherein:

one dwelling unit level of said building complex includes a dwelling unit which includes a portion thereof which occupies at least part of a second dwelling unit level.

32. (original) The building complex set forth in Claim 31 including:

a stairway extending between said dwelling unit on said one dwelling unit level and said portion of said dwelling unit on said second dwelling unit level.

33. (original) The building complex set forth in Claim 32 including:

a corridor extending along said second dwelling unit level and a doorway between said corridor and said portion of said dwelling unit.

34. (original) The building complex set forth in Claim 33 including:

a stairway between a third dwelling unit level and said second dwelling unit level and opening to said corridor.

35. (original) The building complex set forth in Claim 20 wherein:

said building complex is configured in multiples of three story dwelling unit modules including plural dwelling units on each level of each module.

36. (original) The building complex set forth in Claim 20 including:

a central corridor extending between respective sets of said back-to-back garages and providing a pedestrian path between said elevator means and said garages, respectively.

37. (new) A multi-story, multiple dwelling unit building complex comprising:

at least one multi-story module comprising a first level including at least one dwelling unit thereon and extending between one sidewall of said module and an opposite sidewall of said module;

a second level of said module including at least one dwelling unit thereon and occupying a portion of said second level; and

a corridor formed on said second level and respective pathways between said corridor and said first level and said second level to provide for access between said corridor and each of said dwelling units on each of said levels.

38. (new) The building complex set forth in Claim 37 wherein:

said at least one dwelling unit on said first level includes a portion thereof on said second level.



39. (new) The building complex set forth in Claim 38 wherein:

said pathway between said at least one dwelling unit on said first level and said corridor includes a stairway between said first level and said second level within said at least one dwelling unit on said first level.

40. (new) The building complex set forth in Claim 39 wherein:

said module includes multiple dwelling units on said first level, each including a portion thereof on said second level and respective stairways within each of said multiple dwelling units between said first and second levels.

41. (new) The building complex set forth in Claim 37 wherein:

said module includes a third level including at least one dwelling unit thereon extending between said one sidewall and said opposite sidewall and a pathway between said at least one dwelling unit on said third level and said corridor.

42. (new) The building complex set forth in Claim 41 wherein:

said pathway between said at least one dwelling unit on said third level and said corridor comprise a stairway between said third level and said second level.

43. (new) The building complex set forth in Claim 42 wherein:

said module includes multiple dwelling units on said third level and stairways between each of said multiple dwelling units and said corridor.

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44. (new) The building complex set forth in Claim 37 including:

at least one stairway between said corridor and a ground level of said building complex.

45. (new) The building complex set forth in Claim 37 including:

at least one vehicle parking level including plural private garages formed thereon, each of said garages having a doorway between said garage and an elevator entrance at said vehicle parking level; and

elevator means extending between said vehicle parking level and opening directly into said at least one dwelling unit at each level whereby persons occupying said dwelling units are provided a pathway directly from a selected garage to that person's dwelling unit by way of said elevator means.

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Responsive to the Office Action, Applicants submit herewith a Terminal Disclaimer including authorization to charge the required disclaimer fee to Deposit Account No. 07-0153.

Applicants also submit with this amendment a request for a three month extension of time to respond to the Office Action, together with authorization to charge the extension fee (\$475.00) to the above-identified Deposit Account.

The filing of a Terminal Disclaimer herewith is believed to overcome the double patenting rejection set forth in the Office Action with respect to Claims 1 through 36 and also with respect to new Claims 37 through 45.

Applicants submit with this amendment new Claims 37 through 45 which are believed to be necessary to fairly protect the instant invention. Claims 37 through 45 are believed to define patentably over the prior art of record in this application. Favorable consideration for allowance of new Claims 37 through 45 is respectfully solicited.

An early Notice of Allowance of Claims 1 through 45 is respectfully solicited.

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